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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF IFAD AGREEMENT AND SECRET VOTING
PROCEDURE

REF: A. STATE 67048 B. DACCA 595

1. ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED MARCH 29 SUBJECT WITH MFA DIRECTOR (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS), ANWARUL KARIM CHOWDHURY, AND LEFT PAPER DRAWN FROM PARAS 2 THROUGH 6, REFTELS.
 2. RATIFICATION. CHOWDHURY EXPLAINED THAT BDG AMBASSADOR TO UN HAD SIGNED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK WITHIN MONTH AND THAT BDG, AS NATION WITH MUCH TO GAIN FROM IFAD OPERATIONS, WOULD PUSH AHEAD FOR RATIFICATION. IN ABSENCE ANY PARLIAMENT AT PRESENT, ACTUAL PROCESS INVOLVED MINISTRY OF LAW BRIEF TO PRESIDENT FOR LATTER'S APPROVAL. HOWEVER, PLANNING MINISTRY IN BDG AGENCY
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RESPONSIBLE FOR IFAD AND THAT MINISTRY WOULD TAKE LEAD IN COORDINATING RATIFICATION PROCESS. CHOWDHURY SAID HE WOULD BE IN PROMPT TOUCH WITH PLANNING MINISTRY ON THIS.

3. WE ARE ALSO COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH PLANNING MINISTRY TO HELP SPEED UP PROCESS, BUT IT OBVIOUS THAT

SCHEDULE INDICATED REF (B) IS NOT BEING MET.

4. SITE SELECTION. CHOWDHURY WAS LESS FORTHCOMING ON ISSUE OF TEHRAN VERSUS ROME AS PERMANENT IFAD SITE AND MATTER OF SECRET BALLOTING, NOTING ONLY THAT BDG WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY PERMREP TO FAO AT APRIL 4 TO 8 PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING IN ROME.

5. COMMENT: AS POTENTIAL MAJOR BENEFICIARY, BDG HAS LONG SUPPORTED IFAD AND WILL CERTAINLY RATIFY THE AGREEMENT. BDG MIGHT WELL DO SO BY MID-SUMMER, 1977; IN ANY CASE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THEM ON THIS. HOWEVER, ON ISSUE OF HEADQUARTERS SITE AND SECRET BALLOTING, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ALMOST NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER THAT BDG PERMREP IN ROME WILL DO OTHER THAN ADOPT POSITION OF THIRD WORLD LEADERS. THIS IS TYPICALLY BDG POSITION ON SUCH ISSUES.

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